

# Alabama Department of Revenue

News Release  
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## Jefferson County Vehicle Registration Renewal and Property Tax Payment Deadlines Extended

Montgomery—State Revenue Commissioner Tim Russell announced today that the August and September 2009 motor vehicle registration renewal and vehicle property tax payment deadlines have been extended through November 2009 for Jefferson County residents affected by the August 3, 2009, closings of Jefferson County offices.

In an order issued Aug. 4, 2009, Alabama's August and September motor vehicle registration renewal and vehicle property tax payment periods will be extended through Nov. 30, 2009, for Jefferson County residents. Jefferson County residents renewing their vehicles' annual August and September registrations during this extended period will not be subject to any penalty and interest charges for late registration or late payment of vehicle property tax.

The August and September registration renewal extension is also applicable to Jefferson County residents who have recently purchased or otherwise acquired a vehicle during the period July 12, 2009, through Sept. 10, 2009, and have not been able to register their newly-acquired vehicle within the 20-day registration period because of office closings.

The ADOR advises that the extension order does not apply to registration fees paid by International Registration Plan (IRP) registrants based in Jefferson County—individuals or companies owning commercial vehicles with a combined gross vehicle weight exceeding 26,000 pounds and used in interstate commerce, as these owners are required to pay all registration fees directly to the ADOR.

The order does, however, apply to the payment of property taxes due by Jefferson County-based IRP registrants during the period August 1 through November 30. The ADOR will issue temporary IRP vehicle registrations to Jefferson County-based IRP registrants upon payment of IRP registration fees

that will allow carriers to continue to operate for a limited time. Apportioned license plates will be issued upon presentation of evidence of payment of property taxes to Jefferson County.

For more information, visit the department's Web site at [www.revenue.alabama.gov](http://www.revenue.alabama.gov).

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## ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE

Due to the extreme hardships placed on Alabama motor vehicle registrants located in Jefferson County Alabama who do not have access to the county license plate issuing offices or county tax collection offices during the months of August and September 2009 to renew their motor vehicle registrations and pay property taxes on their vehicles because county courthouses and other county offices were closed during some or all of the months of August and September 2009, under the power granted to me by §40-2-11, Code of Alabama 1975, I hereby issue the following order:

### I. GENERAL RULE

- (a) **EXTENSION OF TIME FOR RENEWING AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2009 MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS AND PAYING PROPERTY TAXES ON VEHICLES.** For the purposes of applying Alabama's motor vehicle registration laws and property tax laws as related to the annual registration renewal of vehicles during the months of August and September 2009, the registration deadline has been extended through November 30, 2009, without payment of penalty or interest for vehicle owners located in Jefferson County where the county courthouse or other county license plate issuing offices and county tax collection offices were closed during some or all of the months of August and September 2009 as a result of county budgetary constraints.

This extension includes the registration of vehicles purchased or otherwise acquired from July 12, 2009 through September 10, 2009, whereby the 20-day registration requirement as provided for in §32-6-61, Code of Alabama 1975, occurs, in part, during the months of August and September 2009. The extension does not apply to motor vehicle registrations and renewals for vehicles registered pursuant to the International Registration Plan (IRP). These vehicles owners are required to pay all registration fees to the Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Division, during the assigned registration month. The extension does, however, apply to the payment of property taxes on IRP vehicles.

- (b) **PENALTY AND INTEREST CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH RENEWING AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2009 MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS AND PAYING PROPERTY TAXES ON VEHICLES.** Penalty and interest charges associated with motor vehicle registrations and renewals extended through November 30, 2009, will not be charged until December 1, 2009. Additionally, penalty and interest charges associated with motor vehicle property tax payments extended through November 30, 2009, will not be charged until December 1, 2009.

Entered this 4th day of August 2009

SIGNED

Tim Russell, Commissioner  
Alabama Department of Revenue

ATTEST

Lewis A. Easterly, Secretary  
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